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### **DWR Announces 'Catch A Special Thrill' for Kids Event in Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**

**SACRAMENTO** – Disabled and disadvantaged youth will enjoy a day of outdoor adventure June 15 in the first “Catch a Special Thrill” (C.A.S.T.) fishing event held in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Thirty-four area children and young adults will meet at Brannan Island State Recreation Area in Sacramento County for a morning of fishing on Delta waters with top boaters and anglers. The program is sponsored by the Department of Water Resources, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Boating and Waterways, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the “Catch a Special Thrill” C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation.

The young anglers will receive their own fishing rod, reel and tackle box and learn about boating safety before leaving shore. They also will learn about the importance of preserving California's natural resources.

After landing their fish, the adventurers will be treated to a BBQ luncheon before an awards ceremony wraps up the day.

Participants will be from area public and private schools, referred by local organizations including TriValley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Easter Seals, and other local SELPA organizations.

Local sponsors include American Land & Leisure, California Conservation Corps, Kiwanis International, Spartan Bass Club, Kelly-Moore Paints, Raley's Foods, Starbucks Coffee, Nestle Waters, Wal-Mart, Steiner Prints, Bass Pro Shops, Let 'em Eat Cake, Culligan, and RoboWorm.

State Assemblyman Jim Frazier of Oakley is scheduled to attend the C.A.S.T. event.

The C.A.S.T. program is intended to expand opportunities for youth to enjoy outdoor activities.

In California, C.A.S.T. events are regularly held at DWR's State Water Project reservoirs as well as at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project reservoirs.

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